

staff, and leadership helping give back both financially and with their time through the organizations they support, including Hospice of the Golden Isles, Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Georgia, the American Cancer Society, and many more.

Among their service to organizations, members of the company have also given back to their community by playing roles in community initiatives such as SPLOST and zoning issues to enhance the quality of life in the Golden Isles.

Congratulations to Pat. I commend her for her incredible service to her community.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HOUSTON PRIDE COMMUNITY

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Houston pride community and the 44th annual pride parade in Houston and to celebrate the caucus that has fought against HIV/AIDS, political empowerment, educating the public, and helping those in the LGBTQI community who could not help themselves.

I congratulate them for a stupendous commitment to civic participation in our State and in our community.

Let me also say that I rise again to raise the Protect Our Kids Act, an act passed by this House really dealing with gun safety and protecting our kids by raising the age for assault weapons, by banning magazines, by ensuring they are stored, by stopping trafficking, stopping ghost guns, and stopping bump stocks.

Yes, we did a magnificent job in the House. We look forward to moving forward with legislation that we hope will make a difference. We are a part of the change, and I hope that we will move some elements of the Protect Our Kids Act as we go forward to make sure we do, in fact, protect our kids.

#### ENCOURAGING THE PRESS TO REPORT ON EVENTS REGARDING UKRAINE

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, not a lot has been said about the conflict in Ukraine right now, but it doesn't mean we should take our eye off the ball. There is a division, I think, on elected officials between two groups, and it is important for the press to identify which one of these two groups has the upper hand, not only in Congress but in the Biden administration.

Some people feel that it would be good to wrap up this war, including me. Ukraine has the second-lowest birth rate of any sizeable country in the world, and the population of Ukraine has sunk about 5 percent in the last few years. Russia also has a low birth

rate and is having a lot of people leave their country. So we have two countries that should be primarily concerned about keeping the few young people they have alive rather than engaged in a war. For that reason, I would like to believe that if an off-ramp is provided for Mr. Putin then we could end the war before we have more people dying.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the press corps to weigh in a little bit and find out where the Biden administration stands on this.

#### PENDING ECONOMIC DISASTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LIEU). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SCHWEIKERT) is recognized until 10 p.m. as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, just because we are doing some organization and because we are all up against the tyranny of the clock, I yield to the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. MOONEY).

#### RUGBY WORLD CUP

Mr. MOONEY. Mr. Speaker, as a competitive college rugby player at Dartmouth College, I picked up a love for the game of rugby. I continue to enjoy watching the sport as a Member of the U.S. Congress. I proudly serve as the co-chair of the Congressional Rugby Caucus, and I am honored to be an advocate for the Rugby World Cup. I am thrilled to rise today to celebrate that the United States has been named the host site of both the 2031 Men's Rugby World Cup and the 2033 Women's Rugby World Cup, a monumental accomplishment that brings the third largest sporting event in the world to our shores.

Earlier this year, my caucus co-chair, Democrat ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, and I introduced a bipartisan concurrent resolution to recognize and support the efforts of USA Rugby and its partners to bring upcoming Rugby World Cup tournaments to the United States. Rugby is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States with more than 100,000 USA Rugby members playing in over 2,500 clubs nationwide.

The United States possesses all the necessary state-of-the-art infrastructure in its stadiums and potential host cities to ensure that the tournaments set a new standard of quality, comfort, security, and safety for players, fans, and sponsors. The eventual location of U.S.-based Rugby World Cup events will be chosen from a group of over one dozen cities in the United States.

Rugby is about so much more than the tailgating and tackling. At its core, rugby teaches comradery, resilience, and respect for the opposition. It is also a sport with a massive international reach. With rugby boasting 405 million fans across the globe, the Men's Rugby World Cup has become among the most popular sporting

events in the world. I congratulate all the hardworking individuals at USA Rugby who have spent a huge amount of time and effort on the lengthy and involved bid process. I would also like to recognize the efforts and vision of the leadership from World Rugby and the World Rugby Council.

This moment marks a pivotal turning point for the sport of rugby in the United States and around the world. This will be the first time a Men's Rugby World Cup has been held in North or South America. A new hosting concept has been put in place as the United States stages consecutive men's and women's events within the same organizational structure.

A projected 4.1 million fans will attend both the men's and women's Rugby World Cup events in the United States. Recent Rugby World Cup tournaments have brought more than 242,000 international fans from around the world into the host countries and seen more than 1.7 million spectators flock to the stadiums, generating significant revenue at the local and national level.

USA and World Rugby will now lead a multi-year effort to build anticipation for 2031 and 2033 while developing infrastructure to guarantee successful tournaments. Additionally, USA Rugby will use the next decade to drive significant investment in the game at the youth level, increase access to and diversity in rugby, take rugby to the next level at the high school and college levels, and grow USA Rugby membership to 450,000 members.

Bringing this event home is great news for our country and for the future of the great sport of rugby in our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Arizona for yielding.

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I am going to try something tonight because I am very, very concerned this place isn't paying attention to the numbers and how much trouble I believe we are in. My argument and my thesis is very simple: If I am wrong, I am wrong; but if I am right and this place didn't prepare because of the numbers we are seeing, then we will damage the people, we will damage the economics, we will damage the country, and we will damage our future. We are not taking it seriously enough on how the numbers are eroding and how fast—how fast—the numbers are eroding around us economically.

Now, originally, this was going to be a 1-hour presentation. Now it looks like I have 22 minutes because of the tyranny of the clock, so I will try not go too fast, and I promise I will dispose of some of the boards. As always, wave at me if I start rambling at high rates of speed.

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This is our baseline. The problem is this chart is now a year and a half old and the numbers are much worse. The reality, 29 years from now, CBO—this